

# DYNAMITE KILLS 20 ST. LOUISANS; WRECKS 20 HOUSES

Accidental Explosion Shatters  
Buildings two Blocks From Scene  
—50 Other Homes Damaged and  
100 People Are Hurt.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH AND PARISH HOUSE ARE REDUCED TO RUINS

Seven Bodies Are Taken From  
Ruins, and Search For Others  
Made—Dynamite Stored For  
Work In Sewer.

St. Louis, Feb. 28.—Seven bodies were recovered late today of the twenty or more persons who lost their lives in an explosion of several hundred pounds of dynamite which exploded in a building, the property of the Cooney Construction Company, near a sewer excavation in Maplewood, St. Louis County.

At least 100 others were injured, it was announced tonight, and many of them seriously. The cause of the explosion was an accident, but the exact manner in which the tragedy was enacted is not known. It is believed a spark was either blown into the building or it was exploded by a concussion.

All available police automobiles and ambulances from St. Louis were rushed to the scene of the disaster and the victims were taken to the various hospitals in the western sections of the city. Many of the victims were women and children.

The explosion caved in all the houses within two blocks of the building. There were more than 100 cases of powder in the building at the time of the detonation.

The roar of the explosion was heard for more than twenty miles. Houses, located half a mile from the scene, were rocked and people living at that distance, believed the city had been visited by an earthquake.

People living in the vicinity of the house in which the detonation occurred, walked around in a dazed condition for thirty minutes. Some unidentified person then took charge of the situation and telephoned the St. Louis police, urging them to send all the available automobiles and ambulances that could be had.

Four victims were rushed from the scene to the St. John's hospital, in the West End of St. Louis. Hospital authorities said they had not obtained the names of the victims and refused to comment on their condition.

Three injured, two men and a small girl, were taken to the Barnes hospital. Because of the general confusion, their names could not be obtained.

Twenty-three houses were blown to smithereens and between 50 and 70 others were damaged. The Church of the Immaculate Conception and the parish house, all located at Anna and Marshall streets and occupied by Father M. J. Taylor, were shattered by the explosion. Father Taylor escaped.

## BOY, 4, CELEBRATES LEAP YEAR BIRTHDAY

Ucal Rouse Will Have Party and  
Big Chocolate Cake  
Today.

Ucal Rouse, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Rouse, of 34 South Spanish street, today will have his first real birthday. He will be just four years old and all his other birthdays have been just been make-shifts.

His father, the manager of the local Cape Bottling Works on South Spanish street declares his son is the "original leap year kid."

He was born at Paducah, on February 29 last—that is to say, February 29, 1912, and he has been looking forward to the time when he could have a birthday the same as other little boys do, with a great deal of interest.

Mrs. Rouse today has planned to have a party for her son when several children will be guests at the Rouse home. One of the first things he announced when he was informed that he would have a genuine birthday today, was that an essential part of the proceedings would be a chocolate birthday cake.

Ucal was born at 11:30 p. m. on a night that was even stormier and more blustery than yesterday. For the last three years he has celebrated his birthday on February 28. The Rouses have lived in the Cape about a year and Ucal has a seven-year-old sister, Genevieve.

Another leap year birthday will be celebrated in the Cape by Joseph Baumgarner, partner of Joe Sandmann who bought out the Vogel tin and galvanized iron shop recently. Mr. Baumgarner lately came from St. Louis, but he formerly lived here and will make his home in the Cape.

### KENDALLS HAVE CHILD.

Mother, Formerly Miss Gertrude Schwepker, Now Living in Panama.

Mrs. M. L. Schwepker of 232 Good Hope street, yesterday received word

## STORK WILL VISIT MRS. PAT FRISSELL

Mrs. Louis Houck To Go To  
Mexican Border To Be  
With Daughter.

The stork is expected to visit the home of Lieut. and Mrs. Patrick Frissell, who are stationed temporarily at Ft. Douglas, Ariz. Mrs. Louis Houck, mother of Mrs. Frissell, is making preparations to depart for Arizona within a short time, where she will remain until late spring.

Lieut. Frissell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Frissell, and his bride was Miss Rebecca Houck. Their marriage at the home of her parents at Elmwood one year ago was a social event that attracted wide attention.

Lieut. Frissell and his bride went to the Mexican border immediately after their marriage, where he had been stationed, pending a threatened break between this country and Mexico.

Now that the revolution in the southern republic is practically over, Lieut. Frissell is expected to be ordered to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he had been assigned when he was transferred from the U. S. military station in China, just when conditions between the United States and Mexico became threatening.

Mrs. Louis Houck will remain with her daughter until after the visit from the stork. Mrs. Frissell may return to the Cape with her mother and remain here a few months.

that her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Kendall, who formerly lived in the Cape and went to the Panama Canal Zone after her marriage, is the mother of a daughter, born February 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall reside at Christoval, Panama Canal Zone, where Mr. Kendall has been stationed for some time. The Kendall baby has been christened Mary Genevieve Kendall.

E. M. Beach of Cairo, yesterday afternoon and last night was a business visitor in the Cape.

## TIMBER PIRATES GET SENTENCES TO PENITENTIARY

Two Iron County Men Plead  
Guilty, Get 2 Years, Third  
Given 3 Years.

### FEDERAL DAMAGE SUITS WILL EUENS

Men Were Captured By Geo. C.  
Orchard and Sheriff  
After Fight.

Three men who were involved in the Iron County timber piracy uncovered six weeks ago by Deputy United States Marshal George C. Orchard and Sheriff William Blue of Iron County, this week were sentenced to the penitentiary at Ironton as a result of the prosecution started.

Three men were given six months in jail and a 15-year-old boy caught in the drag net, was released.

Seven more men are under arrest awaiting their trial in the April term of Circuit Court at Ironton. The six men given imprisonment sentences were taken before the tribunal which sat in special session, called together at the instance of the prosecuting attorney, when the prisoners demanded their trial at once.

As a result of the convictions, a damage suit probably will be filed by Richard B. Dalton of Chicago, a railroad superintendent, who owned the timber that was being removed by the piratical methods, in the United States District Court against the purchasers of the timber.

Orchard last night was in the Cape after having returned from Ironton, where he attended the trial of the timber pirates, as a witness, and told of the outcome. Much interest has been attached to the case by land and timber owners in this part of the state, for timber piracy at times has become prevalent in many counties.

The Dalton land where the men were taking the timber free is located in the west end of Iron County. About six weeks ago, Orchard and Sheriff Blue drove out to the place, where they surprised some of the men living in that locality, at work cutting off the timber from Dalton's farm.

A revolver battle took place when the men attempted to flee and four were captured. Sheriff Blue encountered another band who fled before he got in range.

Information obtained from those arrested, led to the arrest of fourteen men in all, all of whom were charged with stealing timber of a value more than \$30 in informations filed against them by the prosecuting attorney.

Two of the men who received penitentiary sentences pleaded guilty on the understanding that their sentences were to be placed at 2 years. They were sentenced to two years. Their names are Thomas Parks and Peter Abney.

William Fields, however, insisted on going to trial and the jury gave him 3 years in the penitentiary. Under the state laws, the prisoners may make demand for a trial within days after his imprisonment in jail. The seven who were placed on bail this week made the demand. The others are waiting for the April term of court.

In the investigation of the timber piracy, the officers found a "cache" of 2,500 railroad ties taken from Dalton land and being held for sale.

Dalton, under the law, now can file a suit for damages three times the amount of value of the timber that has been taken from his land. The prosecution of the timber piracy has been made through the instrumentality and interest of Mr. Dalton and it is expected he will file his damage suits shortly.

### PASTOR CHARGES PARISHIONER.

Case Involves Fight on Negro Preacher Last Sunday Night.

Prosecuting Attorney J. Henry Caruthers yesterday filed an information in Judge Willer's Court charging S. M. Arthur, Mrs. Rosie Arthur and Hattie Jones with disturbing the peace of Rev. C. W. Cole, a negro preacher. The charge grew out of a quarrel that took place between the preacher and some of the members of his church last Sunday night.

The charge was made on complaint of Rev. Cole. A charge made in a warrant sworn to by Arthur against Cole has been dismissed. The Arthur trial will be held at the courthouse this morning.

A. A. Ebert of Oran, was a visitor in the Cape last week.

## \$10,000 SAW MILL TO OPEN IN 30 DAYS

Leming Plant Will Employ 25 or  
30 Additional Men, Is  
Announced.

A new \$10,000 saw mill which has been in course of construction in South Cape for several days will be put in operation at the close of 30 days by the M. E. Leming Lumber Company, it was announced yesterday. The first floor of the new mill virtually has been completed already and work upon the remainder of the plant is progressing fast.

When the mill is finished and being operated, it will employ 25 or 30 more men than are now working at the Leming mills in South Cape (raising the total number of men working there to about 60).

The machinery that will be installed in the new saw mill is being brought to the Cape from Rombauer, Butler County, and when it is combined with the planing mill already being operated in South Cape, the plant will make one of the largest in this section of the country.

The capacity of the saw mill will be 40,000 feet a day. Logs of many different kinds will be shipped into the Cape for use at the mill. The principal logs to be used will be oak, walnut, gum and pine.

In the immediate vicinity of the Leming mill, the Garver Lumber Company, also is making alterations in its plant. The old box factory has had the machinery removed and shipped to eastern points for use and the building formerly used in South Cape will be wrecked.

In its place, Melvin Rodibaugh announced some time ago, that his firm is considering the erection of a modern planing mill. This has not been definitely determined and it is probable that action will not be taken for several months, he indicated.

The addition of the Leming saw mill is one of the largest industrial additions to the Cape in several months. It will mean an increased pay roll of several hundred dollars a month, when it is operating to capacity.

## INSANE JANITOR PLACED IN JAIL

William Bell Suddenly Becomes  
Demented Over Theories  
of Socialism.

William Bell, janitor at the courthouse and well known colored politician, yesterday afternoon caused consternation at the courthouse when he suddenly became insane. After he started to attack City Collector George H. Meyers, he was overpowered and it required four men to hold him on the way to the City Jail where he was locked up late yesterday afternoon.

Bell was pronounced insane by a physician who was summoned by Mr. Meyer. In response to the doctor's queries, Bell would reply only that he did not "wish to become a Socialist." Earlier in the afternoon he had startled City Clerk R. W. Frissell, Deputy Clerk of the Common Pleas Court Miss Zeba Chiles and Mr. Meyer with queries, seeking to learn if they were "Socialists."

Mr. Meyer was trying to persuade Bell to go to his home and submit to a doctor's treatment, when Bell started toward Meyer and grabbed him at the belt. Bell was immediately seized by Deputy Sheriff W. J. Seagraves, and Henry Brinkopf, who were standing close at hand.

The two men had to have two assistants to hold Bell on the way to the City Jail.

Bell has a wife and five children, the oldest of which is about 7 years and the youngest is a baby 3 months old. They live back of the Washington School house.

### HUGO LANG TAKES BRIDE.

Popular Jeweler Slips away to City and Weds Miss Fischer.

Hugo Lang, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Lang, was married Tuesday in St. Louis to Miss Anna May Fischer of that city. The marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. Lang and his bride have been sweethearts for several years, and she has frequently visited the parents of her bridegroom.

Mr. Lang, who is a jeweler in N. S. Weiler's store on Main street, arranged to slip away to St. Louis without the knowledge of his host of friends. He confided the secret to Mr. Weiler the evening he was to board the train for St. Louis.

The young couple, who are expected to return to the Cape Monday, will make their home temporarily with the bridegroom's parents on Good Hope street.

## CAPE MEN LEAP FOR LIVES FROM BLAZING AUTO

Flames Envelope Car as Barrett Cotner and C. M. Evans Make Escape.

### EVANS, DRIVER, HURTS HIS KNEE IN JUMPING

Fire Occurs at Top of Seven-Mile  
Hill On Cape-Jackson  
Road.

Barrett Cotner and C. M. Evans, both of the Park Auto Company, last night had to jump for their lives from a blazing motor car in which they had just climbed the Seven-Mile hill on the Cape-Jackson gravel road. The curtains of the machine were up when the fire was discovered in the engine of the car and the men were forced to tear their way out at the sides with flames virtually covering the entire top of the car.

Within a few moments after they had managed to escape from the motor car, it was in ruins in the middle of the road. The flames leaped to a height of 25 or 30 feet and attracted the attention of motorists and farmers living in the immediate vicinity, who brought aid to the two Cape men.

Evans sustained a severe injury to his left knee as he was getting out of the machine. The muscles were strained when he got caught and tore away from the car while making his escape.

The machine in which the two men were driving belonged to Mr. Evans. Both men are interested in the Park Auto Company, and yesterday afternoon they made a trip to Oak Ridge.

They returned by way of Jackson last night and after 6 o'clock they started on the way home. Evans was driving the machine and Cotner was sitting at his side in the front of the machine. It was a five passenger touring car of a recent model and was valued at about \$1,000.

The car had just climbed the Seven Mile hill a short distance out of Jackson, and at the top, it was beginning to pick up speed, when Cotner saw the blaze burst from under the hood on the side of the car on which he was sitting. The first flames appeared to come from the bottom part of the hood and at the forward end.

He called to Evans that the car was afire and started to open the curtain at his side to make his escape. The curtains had been raised on account of the cold wind.

He had no time in which to open the curtain, for the flames seemed to leap to all parts of the machine in a second and the top of the car was burning before he could unlatch the curtain.

By that time Evans had stopped the car and each man in a frenzy tore open the curtains nearest to himself and dove from the machine head first.

The fire occurred between 7 and 8 o'clock last night and the first man to reach the scene was Jerry Hitt, who lives nearby the place where the fire occurred. It was impossible to do anything to extinguish the blaze and the men were forced to stand by and watch the flames demolish the entire machine.

They then were brought into the Cape, where Mr. Evans obtained treatment for his knee and went to his home. His condition is not dangerous. Mr. Cotner was unhurt.

It is believed that the fire was caused by a short circuit in the wiring in the engine.

## LEAP YEAR BABE AT VARNER HOME

Ten-Pound Boy Born To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Varner at 3 O'clock This Morning.

The Cape's first leap year baby arrived before leap year's day was more than three hours, when the stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Varner at 19 South Frederick street.

It's a boy and a ten-pounder. Early this morning both Mrs. Varner and the leap year youngster were doing nicely. The child was born at 3 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Varner was a Miss Pedigo before her marriage about two years ago, and Mr. Varner is a son of James W. Varner of 219 South Middle street, well known oil agent.

Mr. Varner is employed at the Frisco shops in South Cape.

Phil Sinnamon of Dexter is visiting a few days' with his mother.

## MATT MORRISON IS TO MARRY A WIDOW

Goosebone Weather Prophet Stars In Courtship That Teems With Romance.

Hist! S-h-h-h!!!

Colonel Matt Morrison, goosebone weather prophet, landlord and gentleman of leisure, is engaged. He is going to be married April 2, or a few days later. He refuses to reveal the exact date.

The Colonel winked his left eye wisely and grinned broadly when a representative of The Tribune halted him on the street yesterday, to inquire the lucky girl's name.

"Keep it quiet; don't touch the subject in the paper," said the Colonel, first smiling, then tittering and finally breaking into a loud guffaw.

"Gosh ding my hide," he shouted, "you want to keep your eye on some of us boys."

"Who's that charming widow you are making such a fuss about?" the weather prophet was asked.

"Nothin' doing right now," he replied, "but about the first of April, come and talk to me. But don't let it get out just yet. I'll slip you the name, the time and the place just before I get ready to splice."

According to the report in circulation, and which originates in the Colonel's family, his fiancée is employed in a Cape Girardeau store. The story of the courtship teems with romance.

It is said that Col. Morrison fell in love with the young widow as she walked by his home on her way to and from work. The Colonel became madly infatuated with her, and a flirtation ensued. A mutual friend, acting at the instigation of cupid, brought about an introduction.

The engagement, which has existed for about two weeks, has created much comment among the friends of Col. Morrison. Although past 60 years of age, the Colonel looks many years younger and is as active as a boy. He is as rich as Croesus.

## ASKS TO EXCHANGE MANN BROS. CLAIM

Trustee Declares St. Louis Bank  
Has No Title In Notes  
Of \$221,847.16.

A motion to have Referee in Bankruptcy O. A. Knechans expunge a claim of \$221,847.16 made by the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis, against the Mann Brothers estate, yesterday was filed by Frank B. Nail, of St. Louis, trustee for the Mann Brothers, whose affairs are being adjusted in the bankruptcy court.

The motion for expunging the claim of nearly a quarter of a million dollars was filed by Morris G. Levinson of St. Louis, attorney for Trustee Nail, and it is said that if the referee holds the claim has no standing in his court, after public hearings on the question, it virtually will mean that the Mann Brothers estate will pay out of the bankruptcy in which it has been thrown.

Mann Brothers, which is a partnership of David and Fred Mann, and a general mercantile concern doing business in the counties south of the Cape was thrown into bankruptcy about one year ago by an involuntary petition.

On March 20, last, F. E. Williams of the Bank of Commerce, appeared before Knechans and filed a claim for the quarter million, in his petition for the claims setting forth that it was based on notes secured by other endorsements and collateral.

In the motion for having the claim expunged, the trustee gives five reasons as follows:

First, at the time of the filing of the petition in bankruptcy against Mann Bros., they were not indebted to the bank.

Second, the Bank of Commerce has no right, title or interest to or in the notes attached to the claim.

Third, the Bank was not an innocent holder for value of the said notes.

Fourth, the bank at the time of the filing of the involuntary petition and at the time of making proof of debt, was not a creditor of the Mann Bros.

Fifth, proof of the claim does not state facts sufficient to warrant the allowance of the claim.

The Mann Brothers bankruptcy case was one of the biggest in Southeast Missouri. The referee yesterday reported that in settling the affairs of the estate, there now is \$35,188.23 on deposit in the bank and several suits are pending in the courts that may net the estate more money.

The secured claims against the estate total \$243,380.18; the unsecured

## JACKSON HELD BY EPIDEMIC OF DIPHTHERIA

Schools Close And Mayor  
May Shut Town Off From  
Outside World.

### TOWN NOW HAS 11 CASES; 2 ARE NEW

School Board and Health Body  
Meet To Outline Plans  
For Fighting.

With eleven cases of diphtheria, two of which developed in the last two days, schools closed and all public gatherings discouraged, Jackson last night faced a virtual quarantine against the malady to prevent its spread.

It is possible that if the disease is not checked at once, a hard and fast quarantine prohibiting all ingress and egress may be placed upon the town by a special action of the City Council and the Mayor.

The Board of Education yesterday afternoon met with the Board of Health to plan ways and means of combating the diphtheria that has started in Jackson. By a resolution of the joint boards, it was decided to close the public schools there for an indeterminate time until the disease has been completely stamped out of the town.

A recommendation also was sent to Mayor E. G. Sibley by the joint conference, urging him to issue a proclamation closing all public gatherings of any description for the next ten days.

The Mayor last night announced that the Jackson City Ordinances do not permit him to make such a proclamation, so that the public gatherings may not be stopped by law, but he urged all such gatherings to be dispensed with voluntarily on the part of the people as a safety measure for the town's citizens.

A notice will be sent around this morning, requesting all families with children, to keep them indoors to as large an extent as possible for it is believed that the spread of the disease is more liable to occur through the agency of the school children than in any other way.

The members of the Board of Health which took the decisive steps against the malady are: Dr. R. T. Henderson, J. C. Heinberg and F. E. Kies. The members of the School Board are: L. A. Goodwin, C. L. Grant, William Waggoner Jr., O. L. Hoffmann, W. C. Cracraft and J. C. Caldwell.

Four of the cases now on record in Jackson have existed for the last two weeks, four of them have been ill for a week and the others have become ill within the last few days.

In each case the malady is being fought by the aid of a diphtheric antitoxin and in virtually every case, the patients are said to be improving at present.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Poe the following are sick: Miss Mabel Poe, about 17 years old, who has been ill a week; Percy, Paul and Elizabeth, who have been ill two weeks. They have improved to a great extent and yesterday Mr. Poe was allowed to pass through the quarantine lines about his residence to go to the business section of the town to transact business.

In the family of L. A. Goodwin the following are ill: Miss Helen Goodwin, who is about 17 years old. Mary, Frank and Roy Goodwin, who are younger. They still are quarantined and are improving.

Helen Sanders, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanders (the hardware dealer in Jackson, has been ill a week. Her illness was diagnosed as diphtheria Monday.

Edwin Sanders, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders became ill Wednesday, with diphtheria. He is a cousin of the Sanders girl who is ill.

Gilbert Hendrick, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hendrick has been ill since Tuesday or Wednesday with diphtheria.

### \$2,000,000 HOME FOR BANKER.

Otto H. Kahn's Country Place to be One of Most Imposing in America.

New York, Feb. 29.—Otto H. Kahn, New York banker, will have one of the most imposing country estates in America at Cold Springs Harbor, L. I. Nearly \$500,000 has been spent by him in accumulating the land of 350 acres. More than 100 men are at work on the grounds and the buildings will cost \$1,000,000. The total cost will probably be \$2,000,000.

claims against the individuals \$135,843; and against the partnership, \$144,420.91.